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In re Application of:
Antonius A.C.M. Kalker
Application No. 09/423,273
Filed: November 4, 1999
For: EMBEDDING AUXILIARY DATA IN A
SIGNAL

**DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 TO
WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
ABANDONMENT**

This is a decision on the petition filed July 25, 2005 under 37 CFR § 1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to respond in a timely manner to the Office action mailed March 30, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on June 24, 2005.

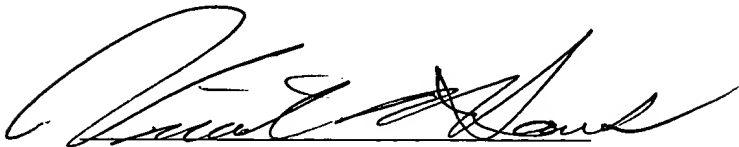
In support of the petition, petitioner provides a copy of the Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission listing a response to the March 30, 2004 Office action. Petitioner also provides copy of the amendment as listed on the Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission.

A review of the Image File Wrapper (IFW) for the above-identified application, it reveals that the original response to Office action was received and captured into electronic images on July 30, 2004. Thus, applicant did timely file a response to the Office action mailed on March 30, 2004, and the instant application is not abandoned in fact.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **GRANTED**. The Notice of Abandonment is hereby withdrawn.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Support Staff to process and enter the response dated July 30, 2004. From there, the application will be forwarded to examiner for appropriate action.

Any inquiry concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3613.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vincent N. Trans', written over a horizontal line.

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